

MINUTES
OF THE
Twentieth Annual Session
OF THE
BOILING SPRING
Baptist Association,
HELD WITH
Salt Creek Church,

TALLADEGA COUNTY, ALABAMA,

September 27th, 28th and 29th, 1879.

OFFICERS :

ELDER A. F. ALLEN,	:	:	:	:	MODERATOR.
J. W. McCLINTOCK,	:	:	:	:	CLERK.

SALT CREEK CHURCH, TALLADEGA, COUNTY, ALA., }
SATURDAY, September 27th, A. D. 1879. }

11 o'clock, A. M.: The delegates composing the Boiling Spring Association, met pursuant to adjournment. The Introductory sermon was preached by Elder J. D. Jordan, followed by Elder J. A. Shaddix. Text: 2nd Timothy, 2nd chapter and 15th verse. "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of Truth."

After Intermission of one hour, the delegates assembled to complete Organization.

1 o'clock, P. M.: The Moderator being absent, on motion, Elder A. F. Allen was requested to act Moderator *pro tem.*

The Moderator appointed Elder J. A. Shaddix, E. B. Kilgroe and W. N. Bean, to receive the Letters. Brethren J. H. Fullerton and N. T. Leverett to read. Delegates' names enrolled as follows:

First District.

Bethlehem—E. B. Kilgroe, J. C. Bean, J. H. Divis, W. N. Bean, D. I. Walden,* L. Manning, Alternate.

Ebenezer—S. V. Hughes, Jesse Mitchel, J. T. Hughes.

Hopeful—C. C. Barrett, S. Smith,* P. L. Smith, M. R. Dowdy, Alternate.

Salt Creek—M. R. Butterworth, R. Wilkerson, A. J. Adams, J. N. Butterworth, Alternate.

Mt. Pisgah—J. L. W. Davis, J. S. Walker, I. A. Stancil, E. D. Hanson,* Alternate.

Providence—J. T. Millsaps, F. M. Burk, John Bedford, B. Millsaps, Alternate.

Union—John Cline, John A. C. Shaddix, G. W. Bruce.

Sardis—David Lackey.

Second District.

Bethel—J. A. Kennedy, N. T. Leverett, William Daniel, A. G. Leverett,* W. J. Harris,* Alternate.

Bethsaida—J. H. Abel,* J. L. Chandler, J. W. McClintock.

Hepsabah—M. K. Morrison, David Stephens, T. J. Strong, J. T. Thrasher, Alternate.

Pleasant Grove (*Cleburne Co.*)—Not represented.

Pleasant Hill—J. H. Morris, N. C. Kennedy, N. A. North.

New Harmony—Wm. Rhodes,* J. R. H. Kelly, L. B. Ingram.

Corinth—W. E. Morrison, John H. Boonan,* J. N. Daniel, C. M. G. Smith, Alternate.

Third District.

Mt. Moriah—T. J. Smith, E. A. Smith, G. H. Preston, H. H. Stephens, W. G. Preston,* Alternate.

Mt. Olive—Kellet Sims, A. Myhand, S. T. Sims.

Ramah—W. B. Mathews, W. R. Mitchell, J. H. Fullerton, J. M. Hardy, Alternate.

Christiana—George Parmar,* John Thompson, John McKinney, I. M. Thompson, Alternate.

Pleasant Grove (Clay County)—J. R. Hardy, W. J. Hardy, David Woodward.

Good Hope—Thos. J. McClintock, J. M. Payne,* Matthew McClintock, W. W. Payne, Alternate.

The Moderator announced the election of Officers in order, and requested Brethren B. W. Mattison, and Dr. C. B. Hughes of the Coosa River Association to act as tellers. Elder A. F. Allen was elected Moderator, and J. W. McClintock, Clerk.

The Moderator announced the organization completed and ready for business.

On motion, adopted the former order of business.

Read the Rules of Decorum.

Enquired for churches desiring membership with this body, when letter and abstract of principles were presented from Corinth church by the delegates, and on motion, was received by the Moderator, giving the right hand of fellowship in behalf of the body.

Invited visiting Ministers to seats and called for correspondents from other Associations. Received from the Coosa River Association Elder S. G. Jenkins, and Dr. C. B. Hughes, B. W. Mattison, A. McCane. From the Cary Association Elder E. M. Moore.

Correspondents welcomed by the Moderator.

Appointed a committee to arrange preaching; viz: M. H. Morrison, E. A. Smith, W. W. Payne with the Deacons of Salt Creek church.

Appointed a committee on Finance, viz: J. H. Davis, J. H. Fullerton, N. C. Kennedy, E. B. Kilgroe.

Joined in Prayer in behalf of the churches, Elder S. G. Jenkins leading.

The committee on preaching reported Elder J. A. Shaddix to preach at candle-light, followed by Elder E. M. Moore, Elder S. G. Jenkins at 9 a. m. on Sabbath to preach a sermon Dedicatory of the New Church house and on Communion. ☐

Adjourned to meet 9 a. m. Monday. Benediction by the Moderator.

Devotional.

Sabbath, 9 A. M. Sermon by Elder S. G. Jenkins, followed by Elder J. D. Jordan. Text: Corinthians, 11th chap 23rd to 25th verses inclusive. At 11 o'clock, in church house, Missionary sermon by Elder A. F. Allen. Text: 6th chap of Mark, 12th verse. Same hour in school house, sermon by Elder H. C. Knight. 2 o'clock P. M. sermon by Elders J. D. Jordan and J. A. Shaddix. Same hour in school house, sermon by Rev. W. G. Preston, followed by Elder J. W. Stephens. At candle-light, sermon by Elder J. W. Chandler, followed by Elder J. M. Barrett.

The different subjects were ably elucidated, and listened to by large and attentive congregations, good order prevailed, with the exception of one or two parties, who seemed to spurn the preacher, whose names we forbear, Oh, may God spare them yet a little longer!

MONDAY, 9 o'CLOCK A. M.

Assembled pursuant to adjournment, the body was called to order by the Moderator, and led in prayer by Elder J. W. Chandler.

Called the roll and marked absentees.
Read and adopted the preceding Minute.
Renewed the invitation to visiting ministers.
Renewed the call for correspondents.
Called for reports of standing committees.
Report on domestic mission read and adopted. See appendix A.

Report on the Bible, read and adopted. See appendix B.
Report on Sabbath schools, read and adopted. See appendix C.

Report on obituaries, read and adopted. See appendix D.
Report on Family Worship, read and adopted. See appendix E.

Report on Temperance, read and adopted. See appendix F.
Report on Queries, read and adopted. See appendix G.
Report of the committee to answer Queries was called for, only one committeeman being present, on motion, the order of business was suspended to allow the Moderator to appoint two, to act with Brother G. H. Preston, and that they be allowed further time. Committee E. B. Kilgroe and J. A. Kennedy.

Report on Executive Business, read and adopted. See appendix H.

Having come up with the former order of business, on motion, agreed to proceed until time to adjourn for refreshments.

Appointed correspondents to sister Associations; to the Coosa River, at Fayetteville on Thursday before the 3rd Sunday in September, A. D. 1880. Elders H. C. Knight, A. F. Allen, D. N. Hembree, Brother F. M. Burk, B. Millsaps, J. W. Chandler.

To the Tallasahatchee and Ten Island; to convene at Harmony church, Saturday before the 2nd Sabbath in October, 1879. Elders A. F. Allen, J. F. Watson, Brethren L. Manning, J. C. Bean, T. J. McClintock, Wm. Rhodes, J. W. McClintock.

To the Arbacochee, to convene with Lost Creek church, Saturday before 3rd Sabbath in October, 1879. Elders J. D. Jordan, H. C. Knight, John W. Stephens, W. H. Preston, Brethren T. J. Smith, M. R. Dowdy, W. W. Payne.

To the Harmony; Elders H. C. Knight, J. M. Barrett, J. D. Jordan.

To the Cary; to convene on Saturday before the 2nd Sabbath in October, 1879. W. H. Preston, J. D. Jordan, J. G. Nall, J. G. Preston, J. T. Smith, B. Millsaps, F. M. Burk.

Appointed delegates to the Alabama Baptist State Convention, to convene on Wednesday before 3rd Sabbath in July, 1880, at Greenville Alabama. Elder A. F. Allen, Brother J. W. McClintock.

Appointed the following standing committees to report at the next session of this body :

On Domestic Missions—Elders F. M. Campbell, A. J. Kennedy and E. B. Kilgore.

On the Bible—J. M. Barrett, D. N. Hembree and J. H. Abel.

On Sabbath Schools—W. J. Campbell, H. W. Armstrong and E. A. Smith.

On Obituaries—John W. Stephens, N. T. Leverett and T. J. McClintock.

On Temperance—W. O. Jenkins, W. H. Preston and M. K. Morrison.

On Queries—Jas. A. Shaddix, John Campbell and J. R. Hardy.

On Executive Business—W. W. Payne, W. M. Rhodes and N. A. North.

On Publications—Elder T. H. Howle, W. E. Morrison and A. J. Hardy.

On Family Worship—J. G. Nalls, David Lackey and Kellet Sims.

To Answer Queries—G. H. Preston, J. H. Fullerton and Matthew McClintock.

On motion, went into the election of Brethren to preach

the Introductory and Missionary sermons at the next session. Requested Elder S. G. Jenkins and Brother Roe to act as tellers.

Elected Elder J. A. Shaddix to preach the Introductory, Elder H. C. Knight Alternate. To preach the Missionary sermon, Elder J. D. Jordan and F. M. Campbell, Alternate.

Called for the report of the committee to answer Queries. Report read and adopted. (See Appendix I.)

On motion, adjourned for refreshments until 1 o'clock.

1 o'clock, P. M.:—Re-assembled, called to order by the Moderator, was led in prayer by Elder J. M. Barrett.

On motion, suspended the order of business to hear a request from Jasper Wilkerson, who claims that he has been unjustly excluded from Salt Creek church, and after hearing his petition and request, on motion, a committee consisting of Brethren J. A. Shaddix and J. W. McClintock was appointed to go and enquire whether proper steps has been taken or not in reference to his case.

Called for report of Finance Committee, report read and adopted. (See appendix J.)

Treasurer's report adopted. (See appendix K.)

On motion, adopted the following resolutions :

Resolved 1st, That the District meetings are hereby requested to send up a report to the Association, through the Clerk, the church with which they desire the body to convene.

Resolved 2nd, That the brother Clerk is requested to have as many minutes printed as the funds will justify and distribute them according to the funds sent up by each church.

Resolved 3rd, That the Brethren, Sisters and Friends of Salt Creek church deserve, and that we hereby tender them, our thanks for their hospitality during the outgoing session.

Resolved 4th, That the next session be held with Mt. Moriah church 3 miles east of Delta, in Clay county, to convene on Saturday before the 4th Sabbath in September, A. D. 1880.

On motion to adjourn, the Moderator requested the Association to sing, to give the parting hand, after singing and extending the right hand, and the blessings of Heaven invoked by the closing prayer of Elder J. A. Shaddix, the Association was declared adjourned, to time and place as above.

ELDER A. F. ALLEN, Moderator.

J. W. MCCLINTOCK, Clerk.

APPENDIX.

(A.) *Report on Domestic Mission.*

We your Committee on Domestic Missions, beg leave to report as follows: We have no knowledge of any destitutions within our bounds. Respectfully Submitted,
J. W. CHANDLER, Chairman.

(B.) *Report on the Bible.*

We your Committee on the Bible, submit the following: That whereas we believe that the Bible is the word of God, and that it is the Truth, given by inspired men who wrote as they were imbued with power from Heaven, to guide us in the strait and narrow path that leads from Earth to Glory, we earnestly recommend our ministers to study it, in preference to everything else, that they may be able to teach its precepts thoroughly, to the world of mankind, that they may learn what God requires of man in reference to his duty. We also urge upon the Brethren the necessity and vital importance of meditating upon its blessed principles, that they may be enabled to carry them out and stick to the old landmarks. Oh, that we could, in the language expressed by the Psalmist (CXIX), adopt the sentiment as ours, and coalesce with the Poet who hath said

“Blessed volume Book Divine,
Oh how I love thy truths sublime.”

J. A. KENNEDY, Chairman.

(C.) *Report on Sabbath Schools.*

We your Committee on Sabbath Schools, respectfully submit the following report: We learn that there are seven Sabbath Schools, and we hope much good has been accomplished in the grand cause of our Master. Yet we feel that there is a great lack on our part, and while there are but seven schools out of 21 churches, and but 350 scholars out of 980 members of this body, we see a great lack on our part. Brethren we should not only be engaged in Sabbath schools, teaching the word of God, and of Truth, but should ever be implanting the same in the minds of the rising generation. Oh brethren, will we neglect to teach the sinner and the ungodly the ways of all truth? Oh, that we could be found teaching and promulgating and perpetuating the word of God, as the Bible is a looking glass through which we can see, and is the way-bill from this earth to Heaven; will we neglect to point out the way. Oh, may we be more zealous in the future than we have been in the past, in the cause of Sabbath Schools.

W. H. PRESTON, Chairman.

(D.)

Report on Obituaries.

We your Committee on Obituaries, submit the following report: WHEREAS, Our Heavenly Father has spared all of our Ministers and Deacons through another year, we feel to give God thanks for his preserving care and protecting power, and we pray God to continue his mercies towards us.

Respectfully submitted,

M. K. MORRISON, Chairman.

(E.)

Report on Family Religion.

We your Committee on Family Religion make the following report: By the Law, we learn that Jerusalem was the place for men to worship, "but the hour cometh and now is when the true worshipers shall worship the Father, in spirit and in truth, He seeketh such to worship him. God is a spirit and they that worship him must worship him, in spirit and in truth, we have many gifts, but all of the same spirit. Brethren in our Families let us preach, and exhort, and pray, and sing, and talk, in the spirit of Christ, for they that are not led by his spirit, are none of his, by this Brethren and Sisters, call the children around the Family Altar for worship, and they that are widows, be widows indeed. Bring your children up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, and when they get old they will not depart from it.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. SHADDIX, Chairman.

(F.)

Report on Temperance.

We your Committee who were appointed at your last Annual session, to write out a report on the subject of Temperance, to be presented at this convention of your body, while assembled in an associational capacity, deem it altogether unnecessary and inexpedient to attempt a thorough investigation of the subject, since there has been so many elaborate discussions, and able reports offered on previous occasions. We would therefore, most respectfully invite your attention to the following very concise view of the subject as our report: While we are conscious of the fact that intemperance which is the opposite of temperance, is still committing its fearful ravages among the children of men, by its enervating influence over the mental visions and physical abilities of many of the fallen and degenerate sons of the Adamac race, and while it is true that many of those who have fallen victims to this fell destroyer, are men whom it seems that God has endowed with the brightest intellect, and with the strongest physical abilities, and while it is equally true that numbers of such men are yearly consigned to the Drunkard's

Grave, and are thereby bringing sorrow, grief and sadness to the hearts of their kind affectionate companions of the weaker sex; yea while we are made to deplore the extreme povertyes, ruin, degradation and disgrace, to which so many have been and are still being brought by the intemperate use of intoxicating drinks. We cheerfully indulge the fond hope that the time is at hand when there will be a great reformation take place among the children of men, in reference to this great evil so prevalent in our land and country. We cherish the hope that the day is already begining to dawn, and we would fain hope that the time would soon come when the dram sellers who justifies the wicked for reward would have to get from behind his counter and resort to something more just and honorable as a profession whereby to make a living. We therefore would recommend the churches composing this Association, to continue their efforts to put down intemperance, and to rear higher and yet higher the standard of soberness and temperance.

Respectfully submitted,
A. F. ALLEN, Chairman.

(G.)

Report on Queries.

We your Committee on Queries submit the following report: There has been two presented as follows: No. 1. Can a church give a letter to a member that denies the Faith, by saying that there is no future punishment in his opinion, and what should a church do with such a member? No. 2. Is it right to call on an excluded member, to pray in a church capacity.

Respectfully submitted,

(H.) *Report on Executive Business.*

We your Committee on Executive Business snbmit the following report: As there has been no destitutions reported, and no funds in the Treasurer's hands, we have not done anything in the work.

Respectfully submitted,
J. A. KENNEDY, Chairman

(I.) *Report of the Committee to Answer Queries.*

We your Committee appointed to answer Queries submit the following report: In answer to Query No. 1. we say that the church cannot consistently give a letter to such member, and in answer to the second proposition; after due labor with him and failing to convince him of his error, exclude. Query No. 2. we answer. No it is not right.

Respectfully submitted,
G. H. PRESTON, Chairman.

(9.)

(J.) *Report on Publication.*

We your Committee on Publications submit the following report: As our people are in great need of Religious literature, we recommend the Tennessee Baptist, the Alabama Baptist, the Royal Path of Life together with the Bible, and we especially recommend the Bible, as it teaches us our duty to God, and his will toward his people.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. BARRETT, Chairman.

Finance Report.

We your committee on Finance, submit the following report:

We find for Minute fund,	:	:	\$ 25 85
" " Clerk's fee,	:	:	5 00

Total, 30 85

J. H. DAVIS, Chairman.

Treasurers' Report.

Received from Finance Committee for Minute fund and Clerk fee, : : : : \$ 30 85

Paid to the Brother Clerk, : : : : 30 85

No Mission funds on hand.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. PRESTON, Chairman.

P. S.—The Statistics of Churches may not be exactly correct, it would be desirable that the Clerks would take more interest in making them out, and not leave the Clerk of the Association to guess at them.

The general meetings are as follows: In the First District to convene with Union Church, on Friday before the 3rd Sabbath in August, 1880. In the 2nd District, on Friday before 3rd in August, 1880. In third District, on Friday before the 2nd in August, 1880.

Ordained Ministers and their P. O.

A F Allen, Oxford; E Miller, Oaklone; J M Barrett, Kentuck; J G Nall, Kentuck; F M Campbell, Chulafinee; M J Sorrell, Chulafinee; J W Chandler, Saleta; J A Shaddix, Shinbone; T H Howle, Delta; J F Watson, Chulafinee; J D Jordon, Delta; S T Collier, Delta; W O Jenkins, Delta; H C Knight, Christiana.

Licensed Ministers.

W J Campbell, Chulafinee; Jere Stephens, Delta; E T Z Davis, Munford, John Burrow, Flint hill; M F McClintonck, Delta; Wm Burrow, Flint hill; P L Smith, Munford; John Stephens, Christiana; T T Thomas, Munford; N V Steadham, Delta; A J Preston, Christiana; W H Preston, Christiana; D N Hembra, Oxford; W H Garrett, Christiana; T J Morrison, Delta.

Table of Statistics for 1879.

CHURCHES.	COUNTY.	PASTORS.	POST OFFICE.	C L E R K S		ADDRESS.
				Clerk's Fee.	Minute Fund.	
First District.						
Bethel	Cleburne	A F Allen	Oxford	26 12	2 9	3 23
Ebenezer	Talladega	J G Nall	Musford	6 1	1 18	3 9 2
Hopetul		J G Nall	Munford	6 4	1 70	50 1 00
Salt Creek	Talladega	J G Nall	Munford	9 5	1 70	3 1 75
Mt. Pisgah	Cleburne	J W Chandler	Safeta	5 2	1 37	2 1 50
Providence	Talladega	J A Shaddix	Shilohone	5 1	1 33	3 1 60
Union	Cle	J A Shaddix	Shilohone	2 3	1 33	2 1 95
Sardis	Talladega	J W Chandler	J W Chandler			Shimbone
Second District.						
Bethel	Clay	F M Campbell	Chitafinnee	3 1	6 1	80 2 20
Bethsaida	Cleburne	F M Campbell	Chitafinnee	3 1	10 1	31 4 1 50
Hepzibah	Cleburne	F M Campbell	Chitafinnee	9 4	2 10	31 4 1 50
Pleasant Grove	Cleburne	J A Shadix	Not Represented			3 1 50
Pleasant Hill	Cleburne	W J Campbell	Chitafinnee	8 13	6 2	37 1 1 50
New Harmony	Cleburne	W J Campbell	Chitafinnee	2 3	1 1	37 3 1 50
Corinth	Randolph	E Miller	Oaklone	8 20	1 29	4 1 50
Third District.						
Mt. Moriah	Clay	T H Howle	Delta	5 2	7 3	79 1 2 00
Mt. Olive	Clay	J A Shaddix	Shubracie	1 1	5 1	23 1 75
Ramah	Clay	T H Howle	Delta	3 3	5 1	60 3 1 50
Christina	Randolph	J D Jordan	Delta	2 2	5 1	51 3 1 10
Pleasant Grove	Clay	H C Knight	Liperville	2 3	5 2	71 2 1 10
Good Hope	Clay	T H Howle	Delta	2 2	5 1	64 3 1 25

Baptised 87, Received by Letter 84, Restored 11, Granted Letters 78, Excluded 13,

Deceased 7, Total 992.

RECAPITULATION : Baptised 87, Received by Letter 84, Restored 11, Granted Letters 78, Excluded 13,

